

SERVANT PROBLEM LAID UPON WOMEN

Housekeepers Should Train Their Domestic and Consider Rights of Latter.

NEW YORK, May 16.—One of the cruxes of the servant problem here is that women have not had the training for household affairs that men have for business, and do not consider their work from a sufficiently broad point of view, so Miss Bella Bruce, teacher-student and teacher of domestic science, said in a talk at the Woman's Exchange.

"The woman owes her servants a definite and reasonable wage for a reasonable service, and also owes them a proper training," Miss Bruce said. "It is her duty to give them sufficient nourishing food and sleeping rooms which would not be considered impossible for other people. When the economic work is done and paid for, the right of the mistress ends. It is her privilege to suggest and guide her servants, but only when her counsel is willingly received."

One Woman Raises All Wages. "When a woman raises the wages in her household she raises the wages in all the houses in the neighborhood. When she takes an untrained servant at the same wage that she has paid to a competent servant she raises the scale of wages and puts a premium on incompetence. When unskilled workers are drawn in the good servants are pushed out and the industrial balance is destroyed."

The hope of the American domestic service question is in the children of the immigrants, but domestic work is looked down upon, and it must be raised. Teaching domestic science in the public schools is of the greatest importance. We have ignorance in the kitchen, but what can we expect when we have more ignorance in the drawing room? The present higher education of women is helpful to women who are going to lead strictly professional lives, but it does not help the woman in the home.

Study Domestic Science. "The study of domestic science should take its position with the study of other sciences, no matter what the position in life the student is to hold. In the modern household there is an enormous waste of force not only in expenditures, but in results. The arrangements made and conducted by men in the culinary departments of railroad trains and ocean liners can give points for most kitchens in compactness and practical utility."

Miss Bruce said that in the conduct of their households the hearts of housekeepers sometimes run away with their heads, and that by neglecting small matters for the comfort of the servants they sometimes lose competent workers.

She gave a number of "Don'ts" for the housewife. "Don't give an order and then forget about it; don't send orders by other servants when it can be avoided; don't talk about servants at the table; don't leave money around as if you did not value it; and do not spy upon the servants; don't make a promise to a servant and take it back; don't go to the room of your servants unless you think they may not be clean; they have a right to some privacy; don't let the cook send the servants' table; don't forget that for extra service there should be extra rest, and if you wish respectful service be respectful and self-contained yourself."

DON'T WORRY OVER TRIFLES. Trifles make up the sum of human existence, and could one cultivate an epidermis whereby the minor ills of life would glide off us like water from a duck's back, this world would be a much pleasanter place to live in.

It is very annoying to miss one's train in the morning and have to wait fifteen minutes for the next. But we should be glad it is only fifteen and not thirty minutes wasted. Again, why waste time? Why not sit quietly down and read the newspaper in comfort, usually an impossibility in a crowded car.

No one likes to have a pretty summer frock spoiled by a sudden downpour of rain. Here we might emulate the example of the young lady at the picnic when a sudden shower ruined her muslin dress. She simply remarked: "Well, I've been worried about the summer as to what to wear, and now I don't stand rain. Now I know, so I needn't worry any more."

It is a very good plan to start the day with a margin of good temper and a reserve stock of patience. The man who knows life, imperfectly and the woman who has to do with the small things of life, are most inclined to attach undue importance to trifles. The man who takes his life as a game to be played for all it is worth, ignores trifles, save when he feels it is politic to bend before them like the reed rather than withstand them like the oak.

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FROCK OF WHITE LAWN



By MAY MANTON.

This is the season when simple frocks are apt to be in demand. A great many girls are anticipating the rite of confirmation, and confirmation always means the wearing of a simple dress of lawn or similar material. Here is a model that can be adapted to such occasion or to the commencement day that so soon will be here and also to general summer wear. In the illustration it is made of Persian lawn and there is a little trimming of embroidery on the waist while it is worn over a guimpe of allover embroidery, but can be still further simplified by using a guimpe of plain thin material, or it can be worn without a guimpe and be elaborated to any extent that may be liked. Both portions of the skirt are straight at their lower edges and consequently it suits flouncing and bordered material as well as plain and the portion of the blouse which in this instance is made of tucks, and the frills of the sleeves can be made of embroidery, so that the dress easily can be quite transformed in effect while the model remains exactly the same. As illustrated it is a very simple and dainty little frock, while made of the flouncing it would be quite an elaborate one adapted to afternoon wear or to summer parties.

For the ten-year size will be required 5 1/2 yards of material 27, 4 3/4 yards 32 or 3 3/4 yards 44 inches wide.

PRIDE GOETH BEFORE THE FALL WHEN PLAYING DIABOLO; THE MORAL IS "DON'T."

Seasonable Jottings

The waistcoat is now as much a part of the feminine wardrobe as it is of the masculine, but the vest worn by woman is usually seen into her coat.

Manufacturers warn the wearers of chambray gloves that these must be washed in lukewarm soapsuds made with castile soap, and must never be rinsed in clear water. In drying they must be suspended by the finger-tips and care taken that they are not placed near artificial heat so that will shrink them. And when all this has been done they will be found to have shrunk three sizes.

Very tight skirts are once more to the fore.

Don't winter clothes look shabby on a sunny day!

The low shoe reveals the shocking fact that not all the stockings which need it are darned.

There are various ways of riding one's self of an oppressive pride in one's achievements, but I don't know a better than making a first attempt to play "Diabolo."

Watching the infants of the country perform this feat it seems a simple enough thing. All that is required is to balance the spool on the cord, get it to spinning merrily, then toss it in the air, catch it again on the string still spinning—and do it all over again.

But I happened to be present the other day when a very clever man took it into his head to learn, and I have never seen a more laughable sight. The man came into the room bearing a long box. "Diabolo," he said significantly. "For Bessie," he added, as an afterthought.

"Bessie" is a remote relative, the only child in all the ramifications of the family, who is seldom remembered by the man except when there is a crisis to need an excuse for. That is the reason it was such a surprise to have her dragged in by the ears here.

"Are you going to learn to play?" asked his wife.

The Man Showed Us.

"I am going to show you how to do it," replied the man. "Before I give it to Bessie I thought it would be just as well to give you girls an illustration of the way the thing works."

Accordingly his wife and I, pleasantly referred to as "you girls," gathered together in a group and watched the man get out the spool and the cord. We watched him merrily as he placed the spool on the cord and began to twirl his hands. We were still watching when the spool fell off and bounded on the floor.

The man said something emphatic, but choked it off before it reached us. When he turned toward us after recovering the spool his face was red, but he was smiling. "Try, try again," he said lightly, and placed the spool on the string again.

"It is a perfectly simple thing," he said. "Now, see, Margaret, all that you have to do is to move the sticks like this"—but at that moment the spool fell off again and the man said distinctly "Confound it!"

"This bloming spool is wrongly balanced," he explained when he had again recovered it. "Evidently the saleswoman gave me a defective one. I have been abominably cheated and I'll take it back; that's what I'll do."

A Skillful Balance.

"They are all that way," objected his wife. "Every one of them must be

skillfully balanced to be twirled on the string. That's the trick of it."

"Nonsense! Don't you suppose a fellow who was the greatest 300-yard sprinter at college, who can play tennis and is a crack at golf, who has shot as many redheads ducks in a day on the Susquehanna flats as any fellow ever did, who has played every game from tiddlywinks to 'bridge,' knows all about this little old thing that the Chinese invented more than a million years ago?" the man demanded wrathfully.

And his wife did not reply, for she is a wise woman in her generation, and merely sat in an easy chair and watched her better-half drop that spool.

After he had dropped it some dozens of times and had uttered all sorts and conditions of ejaculations, he managed to keep it on the spool for a period of four minutes running. Then he looked up, with the perspiration running off his brow, and made a barefaced demand for our admiration. "Well, well, am I doing splendidly or not?" he cried. "Do you think anyone could do much better than I with so little practice and a defective spool to boot?"

"But it is not spinning," objected his wife lazily.

"Not spinning?" cried the man, and looked down to where the diabolic spool was merely flitting on the cord and not turning at all.

"I will master this thing if it takes all summer," said the man between his clenched teeth.

Wife Just Too Sweet.

"When you get to the place where you are sufficiently expert to toss it in the air you will go out of doors, won't you, dear?" asked his wife with assumed sweetness.

The man glared, but did not reply, for at that moment the spool had tumbled off and rolled under the bookcase, and he was prone on the floor fishing it out with one of the handles.

"Will you stop for dinner when it is ready?" I asked, jolting him a bit on my own account.

"I won't stop," said this new victim to the charms of the toy, until I have proved to my satisfaction that I can do it. I am superior to matter; not until I have shown you that intellect enters into a frivolous thing of this sort, even into a can and will master it."

At 6 o'clock the man was still working, his face pale with fatigue, and that he had not yet succeeded in making the spool twirl properly; much less was he able to toss it in the air and catch it on the string. At last he was ready to drop with fatigue and to give up the ship, when entered Bessie, unannounced and unexpected.

Bessie is eight and has lost one of her front teeth. Also she has red hair and freckles and has not yet been discovered to be of gigantic intellect. Bessie, with a whoop and a yell, ran to the hands of her remote relative and merrily did she make it perform all the tricks.

At her bidding the spool twirled and spun; tossed as high as the ceiling, it fell back on the string and continued its gyrations and twirls all the while the man stood there, like the stick in the famous clock. But it was an old, old story, and the man, who was growing tired of it and went running out to join his little friends.

"It is a snail's pace," said the man heavily. "Well was it not 'Diabolo.' I hope (to his wife) that you will give the thing either to some deserving child or to our dearest enemy among grown-ups. If to the latter, it will cause him to end his days in sorrow trying to work the thing. It is beneath the dignity of anyone with intellect to bother with it."

THE NEW SASH.

It's Parisian. It's six yards long. It's one yard in width. The ends are beautifully figured. Or these ends may be fringed. At its best it is of painted gauze. First it is fastened, say, at the bust line.

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Last night's exercises are the first of a series that will be held during next week in celebration of the graduation of the class of 1938.

Tomorrow at 3 o'clock the Rev. Dr. Robert H. Pooley, of Chicago, will deliver the annual devotional address. On Monday evening the annual musicale will be held, and on Wednesday will be held the graduation exercises. Bishop Joseph P. Berry will conduct the ceremonies and present the diplomas. The alumnae will meet Wednesday afternoon to arrange plans for the party they will take in the exercises.

DECOLLETE GOWNS CUT LOW ARE POPULAR WITH SLENDER WOMEN

It is a long time since women have appeared in such becoming ball gowns as they are wearing this spring. Their charm is found in the shape of the decollete, which has taken unto itself a new and delightful curve, bringing the bodice unusually low in the center of the front and higher over the shoulders.

The fashionable decollete describes a deep curve, forming a "U." To slender women it is most becoming, but the one of rather plump figure must wear it with great care. The thing to avoid in the new ball gown is immobility. Unless the bodice is made by an expert dressmaker and one who understands perfectly the artistic lines of the feminine figure it is apt to look a bit vulgar instead of smart and modest.

Inexperienced dressmakers do not understand that the evening bodice should be made wider across the bust than other gowns. Any suggestion of pushing the figure up, as is frequently seen in high-necked costumes, will give the bodice an unmodest look and really spoil the whole effect of the gown.

FEMININE NOTES.

A great heiress who married recently her fifty-first husband, in her troupeau, "How delightful" sighs a bride who has to content herself with six. But just think of the wearisome ordeal of "trying on" half a hundred costumes!

There is a growing tendency at fashionable weddings to dispense altogether with grown-up bridesmaids and substitute two or three little maidens attended by boy cavaliers in willow-green silk court dress or simple green linen "Kate Greenaway" suits. The old superstition as to green at a wedding appears to be dying out.

A certain wide awake dressmaker declared that she intends supplying bridal trousseaux on the installment plan. The idea is a good one and might prove very convenient to a family of moderate means. But the danger is that a thrifty young woman or a bride-in-a-hurry may obtain her trousseau and then leave her husband to pay the installments.

No young married folk should start double harness in debt. Wise mothers start a little savings bank account for all their children as soon as they are born. These small nest-egg savings have a wonderful power of accumulating. They teach young folks thrift, and the lump sum saved comes in at a most useful time when the daughter is about to be married.

Some millionaires have been complaining that their begging-letter bag each morning invariably contains several passionate appeals from would-be brides for whom their wives have been too good. Some of these modest young ladies do not hesitate to state plainly that a wedding in addition to a handsome wedding outfit would not be declined with thanks. The millionaires have told this much. But as to the more interesting sequel have preserved discreet silence.

STANDING TREAT.

A man says that a great deal of unintentional entertaining takes place among women. Women—when they are by themselves—it appears, lack independence of action. They cannot shake off one they have met a moment or two ago with a nod, when they want to lunch by themselves. The spirit of domestic hospitality is too strong.

In a weak moment—for it is painfully weak—they insist on paying for the company and the food of an acquaintance they have met for the first time in years.

Of course, this sort of thing seems almost incomprehensible to a man. Invited to a party, he says, "I have to be back at 8 o'clock, have to be home at 9 o'clock, have to be in bed at 10 o'clock, and have to be up at 6 o'clock. I can't stay." But the man who is invited to a party and who is not invited to a party is a different thing in an independent spirit.

A VIOLET ROOM.

Violet is not a usual shade in which to furnish a room, but one girl, whose color it was, experimented, and here is the result.

The walls were papered with bunches of violet among which there were many gray shadows, upon an ivory ground; the woodwork was finished in a light cream color, and the curtains were made of dotted Swiss, and lined with violet cambric or lawn, the only trimming being dainty ruffles of the Swiss.

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When you come to think of it, everything that has been said concerning the value of cycling for juveniles can be said just as strongly in talking of wheeling for adults. And it's because of the absolute truth of this statement, no doubt, that the return of the wheel is so much in evidence.

The bicycle, and its vogue today, is really on a better foundation than ever before. It is not put forward as a fad, or a fashionable diversion, but is accepted as the finest means of exercise in the world, and the most marvelous time and money saver that has ever blessed mankind.

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A leading physician of one of the large Western cities, who owns an electric phaeton and a gasoline runabout, surprised his friends this spring by appearing on a new bicycle.

"I'm just learning sense," he said to a friend who rallied him on his new mount. "I expect to use one of my automobiles when I have it, but I am not going to miss the fun and advantage of cycling any longer. My electric made me fat and lazy—I was getting lousy in mind and body. Ten years ago I was using a wheel every day, and I never slept better, ate better, or really felt better in my life. I know the bicycle was entitled to full credit, and am going back to those days again. Better show a little sense yourself and join me these fine spring mornings."

The best thing about this wise physician's prescription is that it's easy and pleasant to take. Bicycles cost less and are actually better than they were a year ago, and the witchery of wheeling is as potent as it ever was.

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And in all seriousness, the youngster who does not own a wheel, misses a lot out of life. Without this companion, the boy is barred from many forms of sport which wheel owners enjoy, and the girl, who should have every incentive to indulge in sane and healthful exercise, is really under a handicap.

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